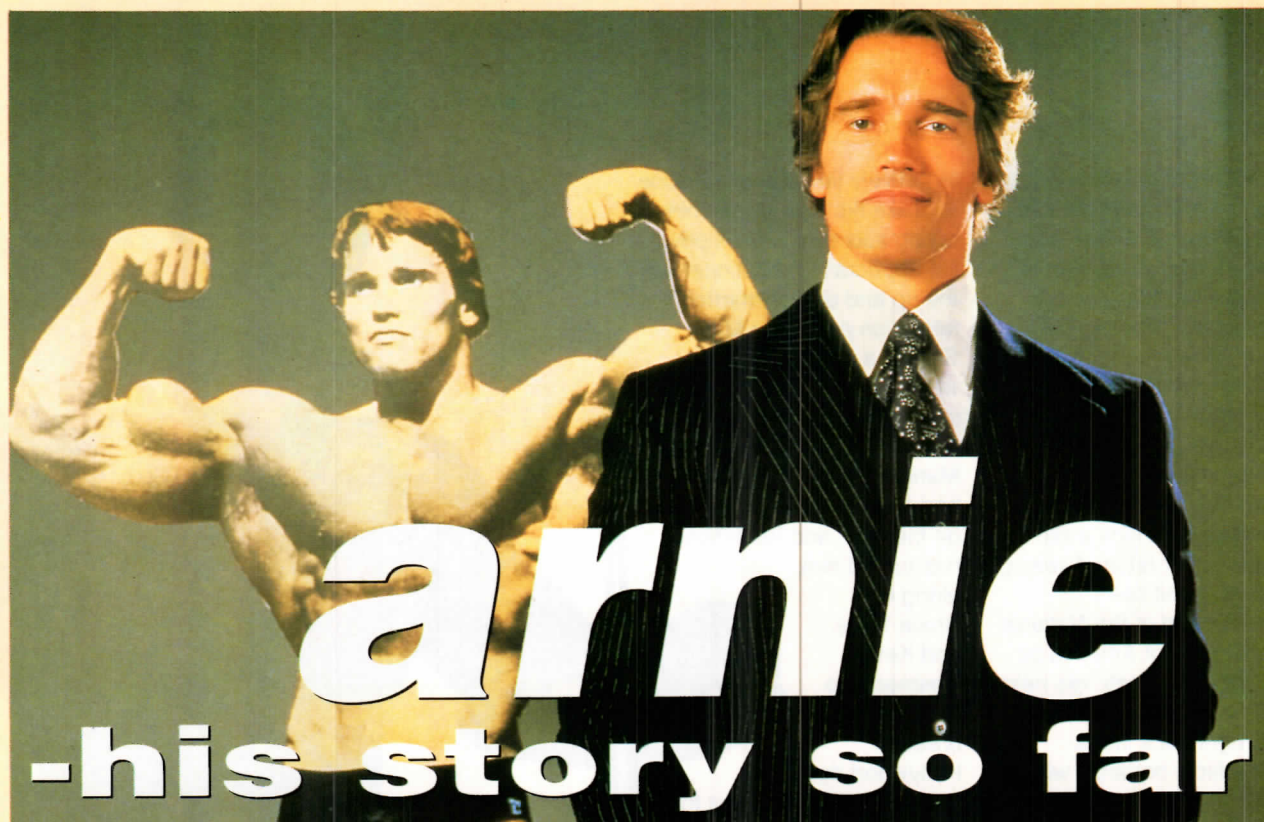




ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER



He's a Terminator, he's a Barbarian, he's a Running Man! His movie, *Terminator II*, has also broke all existing box office records, making him the hugest star around - in more ways than one! Micki Storm traces his rise from a skinny kid with a dumb accent to the musclebound man with the biggest box-office clout in the world.

Five times Mr Universe, seven times Mr Olympia, Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't exactly what you'd call a wimp. But, surprisingly enough, Arnie wasn't born with biceps like balloons. The young Arnold was in fact a bit of a scrawny kid who, instead of pop stars or movie stars, made heroes of the stars of the muscle world. Such was his dedication to bodybuilding that by the age of 16 this policeman's son and only child (his brother died in a motor accident while Arnie was very young) from a tiny village in Austria had become a national celebrity. At 18 he had won the first of his big titles, Mr Europe and after that his succession of international titles began rolling in. Luckily for him however he's also no dummy and quickly caught on to the fact that he could use his muscles to make him a lot of money in a movie world just beginning to go bananas about Rambo and Rocky. After making a couple of

bodybuilding movies, *Pumping Iron* and *Stay Hungry*, Hollywood began to show a lot of interest in this

"Arnie has proved he can do drama and comedy."

guy with the funny Austrian accent and the sense of humour. When *Stay Hungry* gained him a Golden Globe best newcomer award he was



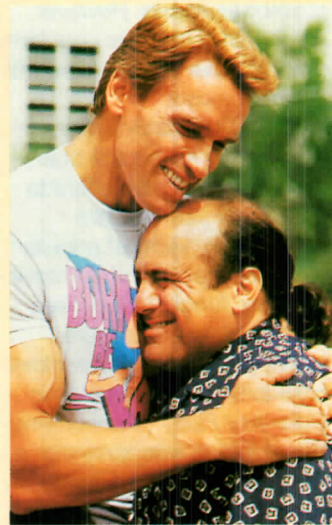
Arnie and the men he admires most in the world - bodybuilders!

immediately signed up to do some real movies. His first acting role was not exactly a big stretch for Arnie's abilities however, as he played a former Mr Universe married to the tragic

Hollywood starlet Jayne Mansfield in *The Jayne Mansfield Story*. It was with his next movie *Conan The Barbarian* that the start of his amazing run of box office success began. The movie grossed \$100 million and caused an immediate and just as successful sequel, *Conan The Destroyer*, co-starring scary singer Grace Jones. In 1984 *The Terminator* gained Arnie great critical acclaim for the first time, as well as earning him his typically huge box office receipts. *The Terminator* was in fact voted one of the ten best movies of the year by the influential Time Magazine as well as gaining Arnie the title "International Star Of The Year" from the National Association of Theatre Owners. After a succession of

similar gung-ho baddy-blasters movies, including *Red Heat* for which he learned to speak Russian, Arnie finally decided to take the risk of changing acting direction with the comedy *Twins*. The risk paid off very nicely thank you and proved that unlike his musclebound counterpart, Sly Stallone - resigned to forever revive Rocky from the brink of

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Danny de Vito and Arnie got to be pals during the making of *Twins*, Arnie's first comedy.